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In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

9. (Twice Amended) An integrated circuit voltage
ramp generator comprising:

a semiconductor substrate;

a capacitance on said semiconductor substrate; and

a charging circuit on said semiconductor substrate
and connected to said capacitance and comprising

a current generator having a first resistance,
and

a circuit connected to said current generator
and to said capacitance having a second resistance
and enabling a capacitance charging current to be

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